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SUBJECT: CISKEI DETAINS THREE UNDER NEW SECURITY REGULATIONS

REF: (A) PRETORIA 5275, (B) CAPE TOWN 1461 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: THREE PERSONS HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN DETAINED BY THE CISKEI HOMELAND GOVERNMENT UNDER RECENTLY ENACTED SECURITY REGULATIONS. END SUMMARY

1. ACCORDING TO EAST LONDON NEWSPAPER, THE "DAILY DISPATCH," THE CISKEI HOMELAND GOVERNMENT HAS FOR FIRST TIME USED SWEEPING NEW SECURITY POWERS GRANTED TO IT UNDER RECENTLY-ENACTED PROCLAMATION R252 (REFTEL A). REPORT STATES THAT THOSE DETAINED WERE M. RADEBE, A CLERK IN FIRM OF ATTORNEYS IN ZWELITSHA TOWNSHIP NEAR KING WILLIAMS TOWN; W. NYATI, PRINCIPAL OF A SECONDARY SCHOOL AT MOUNT COKE; AND STANLEY KABA, A FREELANCE JOURNALIST WHO IN EARLY '60S SERVED PRISON TERM ON ROBBEN ISLAND.

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2. ACCORDING TO REPORT, BOTH CISKEI COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, COL. KNOX AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE CHIEF SIWANI REFUSED TO CONFIRM OR COMMENT ON DETENTIONS WHEN QUERIED ON NO. 4. DETENTION OF RADEBE WAS LATER REPORTED CONFIRMED BY KING WILLIAMS TOWN SECURITY POLICE.

3. DETENTIONS ARE THE FIRST SINCE PROCLAMATION 252
WAS ENACTED SPET. 30 AND FOLLOWS SPORADIC VIOLENCE IN
EASTERN CAPE DURING PAST MONTH WHICH , FOLLOWING ATTACKS
ON CISKEI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PROPERTY AND RETALIA-
TION BY A GROUP OF CISKEI GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS
UNOFFICIALLY DUBBED THE "GREEN BERETS," HAS LED TO HEIGHTENED TENSION
BETWEEN THE NOW-BANNED
BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION AND LENNOX SEBE'S CISKEI
GOVERNMENT. WHITE

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